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- Georgi Maximovich Pushkin is Soviet Ambassador in East Berlin and at the same time High Commissioner for the GDR. B. P. Mikoshnichenko and N. P. Pitovrang, both councillors of Embassy, are his deputies in both his capacities. A. I. Biatov, S. G. Lapin, A. L. Orlov and G. V. Shilyakov are additional councillors of Embassy. E. O. Martynov is legation counselor for economic affairs. Legation secretaries are Major G. M. Akopov, who is at the same time liaison officer to General Grochko, B. P. Khotulev, who is in charge of the press department of the Embassy, A. M. Grabar, and A. A. Martynov.
- Pitovrang and Shilyakov were previously members of the German Section of the Soviet Foreign Ministry; Grabar was previously a member of the Soviet Embassy in Bucharest. Embassy secretary Khotulev stated that those departments of the Soviet Embassy which had to deal with trade and economic as well as consular affairs would be transferred to a building at Schadow Street originally reserved for the Korean Embassy. The Korean Ambassador would be assigned a building in Marlsborst instead. The building next to that originally reserved for the Korean Embassy at Schadow Street was to be restored for the Soviet Embassy as well, since Pushkin had received orders from the Kremlin which involved an enlargement of the Soviet Embassy. It would be an important outpost of Soviet policy, and it had always to be in the position to organize a large conference.
- The head of the German Section of the ADN (General German News Agency) declared that the members of the SED Central Committee regarded Pushkin as very obstinate and thought that Ulbricht would have a good deal of trouble with him. Semenov had at least been willing to discuss details though not questions of principle. Pushkin, however, was not expected to continue the rather lenient policy adopted by his predecessor, all the less since no intrigues could be started against him with the help of the Soviet Communist Party. He was expected to press for the reunification of Germany.

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